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PRINTING METHOD AND APPARATUS, IMAGE
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**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 12, 2005, having a
three-month statutory period for response set to expire on December 12, 2005, Applicant submits

herewith a Request for Continued Examination and a check in the amount of \$790.00 as payment of the fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.